

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S959–S1073*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 399–433, and S. Res. 63–66. **Pages S1011–12**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013. **Page S1011**

#### Measures Considered:

**American Family Economic Protection Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes. **Pages S970–91**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 27), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S991**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S991**

**Sequester Replacement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, to provide for a sequester replacement. **Pages S990–91**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 38 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 26), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S991**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S991**

#### Appointments:

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by

Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Senator Wicker. **Page S1071**

**Committee Expenditure Authorization—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; that the only amendment in order to the resolution be a Paul amendment striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group; that there be up to 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form on the Paul amendment; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the Paul amendment; and that upon disposition of the Paul amendment, Senate vote on adoption of the resolution, as amended, if amended. **Page S1071**

**Chen and Failla Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 4, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the confirmation of the nominations, in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1071**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1008–09**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Pages S1070–71

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—27) Page S991

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1071.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Readiness and Force Management, and Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing the Federal Housing Administration's financial condition and program challenges, after receiving testimony from Gary Thomas, National Association of Realtors, Mission Viejo, California; Peter H. Bell, National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, Sarah Rosen Wartell, Urban Institute, and David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association, all of Washington, DC; Phillip L. Swagel, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Chevy Chase; and Teresa Bryce Bazemore, Radian Guaranty, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine delivery system reform, focusing on a progress report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), after receiving testimony from Jonathan Blum, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Nelson Stephen Roman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013.

### LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation from Military Officer Association of America, Retired Enlisted Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Wounded Warrior Project, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and American Ex-Prisoners of War, after receiving testimony from Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Master Sergeant Richard J. Delaney, USAF (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, and H. Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, all of Alexandria, Virginia; Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Dawn Halfaker, Wounded Warrior Project, and Sam Huhn, Blinded Veterans Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Bruce G. McKenty, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Lakewood, Washington; and Charles Susino, Jr., American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.